

United States Marshals Service



FACT SHEET Special Operations and Programs

Deputy Marshals carry out hundreds of special missions each that are related to the Marshals Service's broad federal law enforcement and judicial security responsibilities.

Special Operations Group

The Special Operations Group (SOG) is a specially-trained and highly-disciplined tactical unit. SOG is a self-supporting response team capable of responding to emergencies anywhere in the United States or its territories. Most of the Deputy Marshals who have volunteered to be SOG members serve as full-time Deputies in Marshals Service offices throughout the nation, and they remain on call 24 hours a day for SOG missions.

The SOG also maintains a small, full-time operational cadre stationed at the Service's Tactical Operations Center at Camp Beauregard, La., where all SOG members undergo extensive, specialized training in tactics and weaponry. These Deputies must meet rigorous standards of physical and mental ability.

The group's missions include: fugitive apprehension; dignitary protection; court security; transportation of high-profile and dangerous prisoners; witness security; and asset seizures.



Missile Escort

The Missile Escort Program is another responsibility of the Marshals Service. Deputy Marshals are specially trained to provide a law enforcement escort and security service to the Department of Defense when nuclear warheads for certain missiles are moved between military facilities.

Judgment Enforcement

The Marshals Service Judgment Enforcement Team (JET) Program received the Webber Seavey Award in 1994 from the International Association of Chiefs of Police for a "successful initiative to

maximize the collection of debts owed to the federal government.”

Special Assignments

In 1994, the Office of District Affairs was created to assist Marshals Service district offices experiencing administrative and operational problems. The office also coordinates special assignments for high-threat trials and SOG

deployments. The office temporarily assigns Deputy Marshals when a district's permanently-assigned Deputies need assistance in carrying out their missions.

For example, hundreds of Deputies from across the country augmented the manpower of districts hard hit by recent hurricanes. The mobilization orders for these Deputies came from the Attorney General.

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